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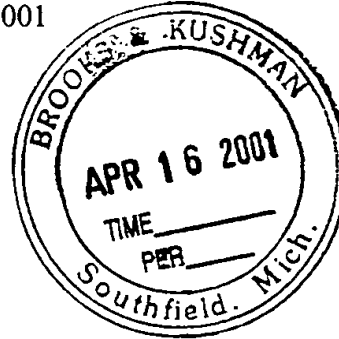
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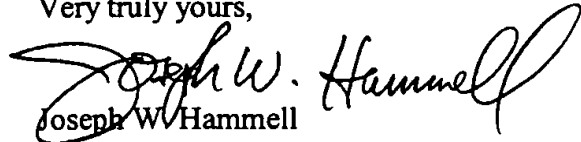
Dear Mr. Chuey:

I am writing to follow up on our recent communications regarding the various patent documents you have sent certain Cisco employees who formerly were employed with Storage Technology Corporation ("StorageTek"). As I have indicated previously, some of these individuals have reservations about signing the Declarations you prepared. Specifically, they are concerned about prior art and pre-existing patents relevant to the matters upon which StorageTek now is seeking patents.

For example, Ed Fiore has asked me to inform you that the patent documents you asked him to sign relate to technology which is covered by existing patents, specifically US Patent 6,118,776, held by Vixel, and US Patent 5,751,715 held by Gadzoox. I am enclosing some documents relating to these existing patents.

I trust you will find this information useful.

Very truly yours,


Joseph W. Hammell

Enclosures

JWH:mmc

cc: Edward Fiore